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## Moorland-Spingarn Research Center to Stay Open

CAMILLE AUGUSTIN  
Staff Writer

The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center (MSRC) is set to continue its service to Howard University, the Greater Washington area and the world.

"The Moorland-Spingarn Research Center has always been a vital and important research facility for Howard students and researchers throughout the world," said the new interim director for MSRC, Clifford Muse, Ph. D. "The Center was never going to be closed."

Muse was asked to serve as interim director as of Dec. 7, 2009, replacing Thomas Battle, Ph. D. His previous position was as the University's Archivist.

The thought of the center closing stirred up people's thoughts, and the administration quickly took action to see that MSRC would not close its doors. Muse said one

of the goals of the MSRC is to look for additional funding for its operations. "This will be pursued vigorously," Muse said.

MSRC was in danger of closing its doors due to financial setbacks and being understaffed. One of the issues that MSRC faced was the upkeep of one of its divisions.

According to Muse, MSRC is asking for additional staff so that the center can expand its hours and services to students and the community. The Office of the Provost has to approve these requests first.

Orgon Emerson, a sophomore film major, said in general, research facilities on Howard's campus could be managed better. "I usually stay in the research facilities such as Founders or UGL for like 7-8 hours," Emerson said. "It would be nice if the computers in the lower level of UGL weren't so old or the furniture was better."

"I think it says a lot," said

Nia Turner, a freshman finance major, in response to the previous articles published in *The Hilltop* regarding MSRC. "A lot of history is stored in this one room, and I think it really defines the meaning of Howard University as a research school."

A symposium from Jan. 25-26 will be held in the Blackburn Center highlighting the significance of MSRC. The College of Arts and Sciences (COAS) is sponsoring the event.

"The staff of the Moorland-Spingarn [Research Center] continues to perform all the necessary operational and administrative activities that allow the Center to function as a major research facility," Muse said. "It will also serve its diverse clientele in a professional and efficient manner. This was the status of the Center pre-December and continues forward."



Moorland-Spingarn was in danger of closing due to financial cut backs.

## FAMU Defeats Male Team, Lady Bison Emerge Victorious

ROYCE STRAHAN  
Sports Editor

The men's and women's basketball teams took on the Florida A&M University (FAMU) Rattlers in an exciting Saturday game at Burr Gymnasium, splitting the outcomes with the Lady Bison pulling off a thrilling 69-68 overtime win and the men falling 72-65.

The Lady Bison (8-9 overall, 4-2 in the MEAC) kicked off the action, being led by Saadia Doyle who scored a team high 23 points, 12 rebounds and two assists. Cheyenne Curley-Payne made huge contribution in overtime, scoring the game winning field goal and stealing a pass by the Rattler's (10-6 overall, 3-3 in the MEAC) LaShonda Gaines with seconds left on the clock to square away the victory.

Curley-Payne, a freshman from Chula Vista, Calif., stepped up for the Lady Bison who were short of their star player and leading scorer, junior guard Zykia Brown who injured her ankle in practice Friday and sat out this game. Doyle also scored her 11th double-double of the season to push the Bison to a victory.

The men's team (5-15



Women's basketball team won 69 to 68 in overtime on Saturday.

overall, 4-2 in the MEAC) fell short of a Bison sweep of the Rattlers, losing by just seven points. Four of the Bison scored in double figures, led by Dadrian Collins who had a team-high 14 points. The Bison attack was not enough to hold off the Rattlers (4-14 overall, 2-4 in the MEAC) who came alive in the second half to pull away with the win, being led by Dale Hughes coming off the bench to score a game-high 15 points.

The Rattlers put on a 25-12 run in the second half, leading to a huge ending of the Bison's three game winning streak. Calvin Thompson added 13 points and Mike Phillips and Curtis added 12 and 10.

The Bison will match up



Lady Bison defeated the Rattlers.

next against Bethune-Cookman on Monday with the Lady Bison playing at 6 p.m. and the men's team playing at 8.

## Student Finds Insect in Food at the Cafe'



The recent dining experience of a freshman was spoiled when he bit off more than expected; an insect crawling its way out of his sandwich.

Sunday evening, Lamar Smith, a freshman television production major, was dining in the Blackburn Cafeteria when he found the insect in his sandwich around 5:45 p.m. According to Smith, when he approached the Sodexho manager about the incident, the manager said, "Sorry, did you want something else?"

Smith told *The Hilltop* that he is seeking further legal actions by contacting the Department of Health and Sodexho's corporate office. He is also seeking a full reimbursement of his meal plan.

"This is nasty. There are over 2,000 students that eat here everyday," said Smith, "If there's one bug, there's more."

Eric Brown, the general manager of Sodexho, said that an investigation is forthcoming.

"We do have a pest control service that does come and service the cafeteria," said Brown. "It's hard to say where it came from and if in fact it was an insect. We will take greater cautions to identify the source of where it came from and it will be eliminated."

- Derrick I. Haynes and Lauren Gaspard, Hilltop Staff

## HU General Elections Commissioner Resigns After Disagreement with General Assembly

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Yesterday, senior sports management major Whitney Henry resigned from her position as General Elections Commissioner (GEC).

"I have come to terms that UGSA is not supportive of the decisions that I have made and will make in the future," Henry said in her resignation e-mail.

On Saturday, Jan. 23 there was an emergency General

Assembly (GA) meeting held to approve the elections code, something that is done annually around student election time.

The change to the elections code that caused a lot of debate and ultimately Henry's resignation was her attempt to make certain meetings mandatory for candidates.

Henry wanted candidates to be penalized if they did not attend various events that are held to educate the candidates on the rules and regulations of campaigning. Henry believes that this would help

eliminate or deter candidates not taking their positions as seriously as they should.

"GA voted to change the elections code which is within our power. A lot of people felt it was unfair to penalize people for not coming to events. You shouldn't have to mandate or force people to do things that are beneficial to them," said junior finance major Christopher Bryant, Vice President of the School of Business Student Council.

"I personally agreed with Whitney and making certain

events mandatory for candidates to attend. However, it is not my position to take sides or let personal feelings interfere with my job as GA chairman," said William Roberts second year law student and GA chairman.

Roberts continued, saying he feels that Henry should not have let a dispute with GA make her resign.

"The people who were pushing against this clause are the people who don't come to anything," said Henry.

Henry's resignation also

comes at a time when many students are openly questioning the importance and the place of student government at Howard. Also election season cannot proceed without a GEC so the approval of a new commissioner will come within a two weeks at the most.

"At the end of the day I'm the only person that has prepared to run the elections. I can predict that voter turnout will not be good, mainly because of a lack of candidates," said Henry.

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## Toyota Issues Recall In Wake of Technology-Related Deaths

*Toyota under scrutiny following announcement of a series of recalls on some of the company's most popular models*

BY RILEY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Just months after recalling more than 3.5 million vehicles for faulty floor mats, Toyota Motor Corporation has recently announced another recall of 2.3 million more cars. Toyota, a Japanese automaker, is the seventh largest company in the world and in 2009 became the largest automobile manufacturer in the world - surpassing General Motors (GM).

With that title, Toyota posted a \$241 million profit in the third quarter of 2009 but took a major perceptual hit at the same time when it announced its September recall.

In September, the vehicles were said to have problems with the gas pedals sticking to the mats, causing unintended acceleration. The most recent recall causes the same incidents, but are now claimed to be caused by the gas pedals being jammed on the floor mats because of repeated use.

As stated in their announcement, Toyota has now attributed



Photo Courtesy of www.toyota.com

The Toyota Camry is one of the company's best-selling models, but has recently been recalled because of manufacturing issues. Other vehicles face recalls also.

the incidents to "the pedal mechanism [becoming] worn and stuck in a partially depressed position." Approximately 1.7 million Toyota vehicles are said to be affected by both recalls.

This recall comes after a California crash caused by a 2009 Toyota Lexus ES 350. California Highway Patrol Officer Mark Saylor and his family of three were all killed when the gas pedal became stuck to the car's mat. Before ramming into

an SUV, the car is reported to have reached 120 mph.

The recalled vehicles include the Toyota Camry, Highlander, Tundra, Sequoia, Matrix and Corolla, among others. Angelica Wesby, a junior management major and owner of a Toyota Camry, commutes to school everyday and was relieved to find out that her car wasn't a part of the recall. "I'm excited my car is older, and that I won't be affected by the recall be-

cause I do not have the money," she said. In an effort to help customers prevent dangerous situations with the vehicles, Toyota has published safety tips on its Web sites and publications.

Car recalls are not new to the auto industry. Hundreds of thousands of cars are recalled every year by almost every major company - including the "Big Three" automakers: GM, Chrysler and Ford motor companies. Many of the cars

are rated among "the safest." Yet, according to ConsumerReports.org, only 18 percent of consumers perceive Toyota as a safety leader - trailing behind Subaru and Ford.

Despite Toyota recently coming under scrutiny for the recalls, it still maintains the highest score regarding brand perception. Whether its first quarter sales were affected by the defects are what many consumers and competitors are watching.

## Concerns Raised Over Haitian Adoption Plans For Orphan Children

BY OLLIE MONTGOMERY  
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International concerns are rising over the relief efforts of foreign governments and aid agencies in Haiti. Yet, the concerns are not over infrastructure, resources or civil disturbances, but of adoption.

Recently, a group of Haitian orphans were directed to France to find new homes, following a flight of 109 orphans to the Netherlands and 54 to the United States last week. Although these specific adoptions were already planned before the disaster, they were fast-tracked by the Dutch and American governments.

"We who are doing adoptions are trying to get those children to their adoptive families so they can

be safe and have food and water and medicine, and that will also free up our beds for orphans created by the earthquake," said Dixie Bickel, director of Haitian adoption agency "God's Little Angels," in remarks to Al-Jazeera News Network.

While basic necessities such as food, water and medical care flow into Haiti, the current foster care infrastructure still faces severe challenges.

Hundreds of thousands of children were orphans before the disaster, and while many children have undoubtedly become orphans during the current tragedy, some simply need to be matched up with their families.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and other countries maintain that adoption

should be a last resort and that the main priority should be reuniting children with their respective families.

Adoption, especially at the international level, is a very lengthy and costly process however. Firstly, couples, rather than individuals are the most welcome to the adoption process and are advised to seek an agency whose criteria fits their needs.

Many adoption agencies do not help promote adoption by older couples, such as those in their forties, while others will.

Also, a strong financial backing is also heavily favored. Legal costs, medical care and other fees may result in a cost of \$5,000 to \$20,000 to complete a single adoption. However, multiple tax ex-

emptions and employer credits are available to assist any prospective parents.

Good impressions and strong background information on the possible adoptive parents are also necessary. Many birth mothers who utilize agencies have individual criteria that may focus on health, personality or social concerns.

Finally home study is a key factor in moving forward with any adoption. This requires a social worker to visit the prospective parents' home and document their relationships, their interactions with children, their neighborhood and stories of their own childhood. In international adoption, home study is conducted in the child's home country and may last one to three weeks.

Back in Haiti, the pressure to adopt even by those who may have located the child's original family continues to grow. Some Haitian families have approached adoption agencies with children, because they lack consistent sources of water and food.

Many doctors have also reached out to the organizations due to their exhausted medical facilities.

However, until the existing beds can be cleared, many agencies are reluctant to take new orphans. Until a complete and efficient adoption infrastructure can be formed, the wait for new and better homes for many children will continue to grow.

# MOTHERLAND MONDAYS

### African Nations Give Back to The People of Haiti

Africa has not been left behind in the scramble to provide international assistance to Haiti.

The following is a list of aid contributions reportedly pledged by African governments in the wake of the Jan. 12 earthquake.

**South Africa** - The government has announced a three-phase assistance package: deployment of doctors to a search and rescue team led by Rescue South Africa, a non-profit company; deployment of forensic pathologists to help identify bodies; provision of unspecified humanitarian aid in partnership with South African NGOs.

**Rwanda** - US \$100,000, according to Rwanda's The New Times newspaper.

**Senegal** - President Abdoulaye Wade has pledged free land to Haitians wishing to be "repatriated," news agencies reported. Spokesman Mamadou Bemba Ndiaye was quoted as saying: "Senegal is ready to offer them parcels of land - even an entire region. It all depends on how many Haitians come."

**Liberia** - Independent Star radio reported the government had contributed \$50,000.

**Nigeria** - The 121-strong police contingent serving with the UN mission in Haiti is working with rescue teams in the capital, Port-au-Prince, according to This Day newspaper. The country's Vice-President Goodluck Jonathan said in a statement: "As the international community mobilizes in aid of Haiti, it can count on Nigeria's support."

Information from [www.NewsFromAfrica.org](http://www.NewsFromAfrica.org)

### East African Women Receive Entrepreneurial Training

The Catholic University of Eastern Africa has initiated an entrepreneurial training program for women traders in Kenya's two largest slums.

The training will target women from the Kibera and Mathare slums in Kenya's capital, Nairobi.

The women will be equipped with entrepreneurship skills through courses like business planning, cashbook maintenance, marketing and the use of information technology, especially e-mail and the Internet.

The Catholic University's Vice Chancellor, Professor John Maviiri, said his institution will offer the training as a one-year program.

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# Supreme Court Votes to Allow Corporations to Spend Unlimited Amount on Campaigns

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Congressional Democrats who recently lost a tight Senate race, are fighting to prevent another loss after the U.S. Supreme Court, voided limits on corporate political spending. The move, which split the justices along a 5-4 vote, will grant corporations and labor unions the ability to make unlimited expenditures promoting or attacking candidates. Some

Democrats view this as a serious threat to their agenda, as lobbyists and political rivals can now increase strength of their attacks. For President Barack Obama, former editor of the Harvard Law Review and a former constitutional law professor, this is one ruling he does not agree with.

"It gives special interest lobbyists new leverage to spend millions on advertising to persuade elected officials to vote their way or to punish those he don't", the

President said in his weekly radio address. "This ruling strikes at democracy itself."

The Supreme Court's conservative majority decided that the campaign finance limits had violated corporations' constitutional right to free speech. The ruling allows corporations to spend in Congressional and Presidential campaigns, including the midterm elections this November.

Some republicans are very happy at the news, especially

after having found a renewed enthusiasm after winning a Senate seat last week. Many Democrats in the House and Senate face tough re-election campaigns amid double digit unemployment, deficit concerns and political gridlock. With Republicans as traditional allies of Big Business, they stand to gain the most.

President Obama felt growing concern over a possible failure to pass "common sense laws" after the verdict. He thinks

laws to promote energy independence and reforms of the financial sector and health industry may be compromised. Obama has long vowed to curb the influence of lobbyists, banks, insurance companies and special interests in Washington. Yet despite the blow, he is not giving up.

"We have begun that work, and it will be a priority for us until we repair the damage that has been done," he said.

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# Arenas Set For Final NBA Verdict

BY TERRICKA JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Not too long before the end of 2009, another professional athlete faced wide media scrutiny in relation to gun possession.

On Dec. 24, 2009, Washington Wizards player, Gilbert Arenas, admitted to the possession of unloaded firearms which were stored in his locker at the Verizon Center. The NBA announced Saturday that Arenas will find out his fate as far as his professional career before the end of this week.

On the situation, Jeremy Johnson, a junior advertising major from Atlanta gave his opinion: "I think that it was stupid on behalf of both players. I thought that Arenas was stupid before, but this situation solidified it for me," he said. "The personal decisions he makes, makes you wonder what is going on in his head."

The event has sparked much controversy and confusion with multiple stories being told.

Kemdi Opara, a sophomore biology major from Ewing, N.J. also weighed in on the matter. "I think he's crazy. Why did they let him bring guns into the arena in the first place? They don't have metal detectors for all the players before they go in? I think that would be the safest way. I think that should automatically be done."

Soon after the event, Arenas claimed that he decided to bring the guns to the Verizon Center after his daughter was born on Dec. 10, 2009, because he did not want the guns to be around the kids anymore.

"I don't really consider it a growing trend, but it is a rash of isolated events occurring lately: You have young players doing irrational things when they are not thinking," Johnson said.

Following Arenas bringing the unloaded firearms in the arena, he reportedly turned the guns over to the team's security forces, claiming that he did not want them anymore, but this is just one account of the story.

Another account states that after a conflict concerning a betting debt that Arenas held with fellow teammate, Jarvis Crittenton, both players drew

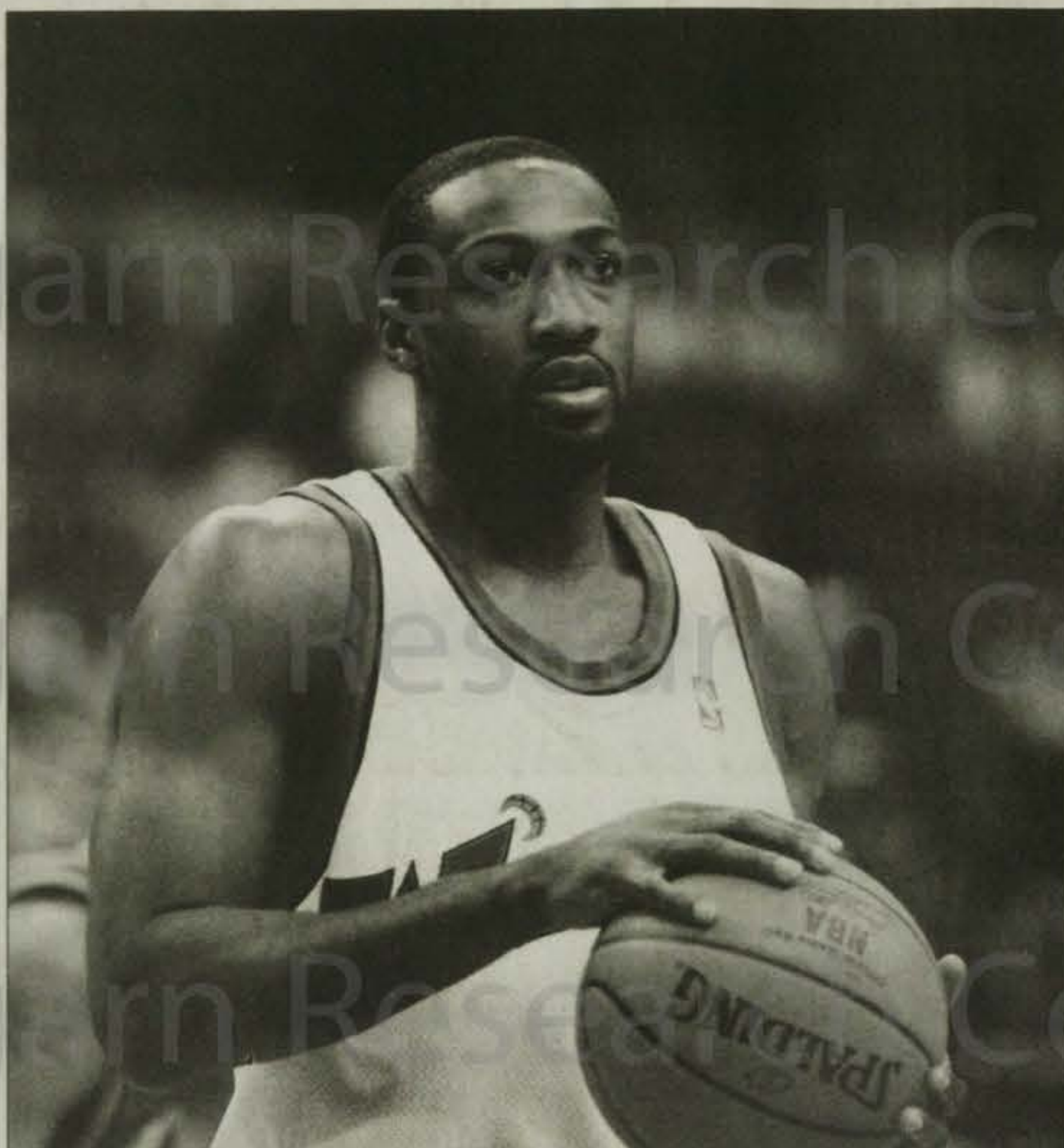


Photo Courtesy of Keith Allison

Washington Wizards guard Gilbert Arenas will find out the details of his punishment from the NBA this week after being charged with gun possession. Arenas stored firearms in his locker at the Verizon Center.

firearms on each other after a practice. It was said that Arenas drew his gun first, but this story has yet to be confirmed.

"I don't know what makes them feel so inclined to have guns like they want everyone to get them. I'm pretty sure none of the bigger stars have guns like that. What are they scared for? I don't see their need to have guns," Opara said.

"I just wish they would have done it outside of the arena and not inside because of D.C. and NBA laws," Johnson said.

Currently, District of Columbia laws state that a person cannot have a private gun under their possession at their working place, only as they are on their way to a shooting range or in the process of getting said weapon registered.

"A lot of them come from families with out money, but when they get to the league they have all this money," Johnson said. "I think the league should

incorporate a program or orientation to remind the players about guns, laws and social responsibilities before they start playing."

Following the controversy from the Dec. 24 incident, NBA Commissioner David Stern, suspended Arenas after shaping his finger into a gun and making shooting gestures at his teammates while on the court on Jan 5.

"A suspension is taking care of the product. A lot of the people who attend the games are families and they don't want to see or hear about that. It's supposed to be safe," Johnson said.

Though it is not likely that Arenas will have his contract suspended and be expelled from the Washington Wizards, he is currently under suspension from the NBA until the investigation is completed.

"I think the consequences are fitting. Right now they are

carrying around guns so they are not interested in the sports they are playing. They [are] more worried about protecting themselves. So it's okay, let them be suspended," Opara said.

Arenas currently is under a contract with the Washington Wizards worth \$111 million, which he signed in 2006.

"He has young boys that look up to him, and that want to be in the position that he is in when they are older, but he's running down the court making gun symbols at the other players," Opara said. "How does he expect people to look up to him and he is doing stuff like that?"

Arenas is currently suspended without pay until the investigation has been completed. Though he is currently facing one felony charge, the collective bargaining agreement and punishment laws in the NBA constitution protects his contract on nearly all counts.



## New Athletic Director Weighs In On New Position

*The Hilltop:* What all does the position of Athletic Director for intercollegiate athletics entail? What are your duties?

*Gibbs:* My main focus will be to ensure that the more than 300 student athletes who participate in 19 sports enjoy the whole collegiate experience.

That includes not only being successful in the classroom and graduating but also increasing their competitiveness in their respective sports.

Additionally, I will continue to work with our wonderful student athletes who have committed themselves to represent their fellow athletes by serving on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee to make sure we have the tools to be successful.

*The Hilltop:* Is this position interim or permanent?

*Gibbs:* As an at-will employee, I serve at the pleasure of the president.

*The Hilltop:* What goals do you have for the HU Athletic Department?

*Gibbs:* The first thing we will do is work with our student leadership on the Student Athlete Advisory Committee to gain a better understanding of the challenges and needs of our student athletes through our Student Athlete Needs Assessment Survey.

From there we will learn where we need to go and how we plan on getting there. This will be the blueprint by which our goals will be established.

*The Hilltop:* Do you have any plans to install or update the equipment in the weight room and workout areas?

*Gibbs:* As you may or may not know, Burr Gymnasium is a shared space between the Department of Health, Human Performance and Leisure Studies and Athletics.

We will work together to evaluate the amenities that are available to all of our students using this historic facility and plan accordingly.

*The Hilltop:* What changes do you hope student athletes will gain from under your leadership?

*Gibbs:* I hope that students will come to know that I am their biggest fan and that together we will be able to make a difference in the student athlete experience.

I think we have some of the most talented student leaders I know. As a former student athlete, I was so proud of them as I watched them pull together to support the Howard University Haiti Relief Fund efforts. I am very proud of them.

## Thompson Continues Dominance



Bree Gant - Staff Photographer

Bison sophomore, Calvin Thompson, is leading the men's basketball team while racking up individual honors along the way. Thompson was announced as the Heritage Sports Radio Network (HSRN) National Player of the Week yesterday after outstanding performances against Coppin State and North Carolina A&T in which he put up 33 and 24 points.



Photo Courtesy of HU Sports Information Office

### Sports Trivia!

Who is the youngest player in the NBA to reach 25,000 career points?

Search the Hilltop for the answer!

## TODAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

January 25, 1989

Michael Jordan scores his 10,000th point in the NBA in his 5th year.





# America Isn't The Only Nation Helping Haiti

Britain has pledged \$10 million. Australia has pledged \$9.3 million. Canada has sent \$5 million, and India and China have also each sent a million. In a surprising act of charity, even struggling African countries such as Senegal and the Democratic Republic of the Congo have pledged \$2.5 million and \$1 million dollars respectively to assist in relief efforts on the earthquake ravaged island.

Of course, the American government has blown these other figures out of the water, sending an initial donation of \$100 million dollars, as well as sending over ships, helicopters, transport planes, and a surprisingly sizeable number of troops.

Although American efforts are undoubtedly helpful to the crisis situation, it seems as though the United States might be unnecessarily overwhelming Haiti, strong-arming them with troops and occupation that it may not need.

The U.S. has planned for long term occupation of the nation, expected to surge to at least 20,000 troops.

An interesting point was made by chapel's guest speaker, Father Michael Louis Piegler Sunday morning. Is America occupying Haiti solely on the grounds of helping a nation in need?

Or is this crisis giving us an opportunity to fly in and look like the "good guy"? Is all this aid and assistance really just benefiting

cant amounts of money to the cause, as well as an unending list of governments, international organizations, and regular people all over the world.

Of course it's wonderful that the United States has pledged so much money and effort to help Haiti—as one of the most powerful nations in the world, to not do so would be ridiculous.

However, within the last week, there's been an attitude of unrest surfacing in Haiti, as both citizens and international organizations have complained of an estimated 200,000 lives lost, as well as thousands more left injured and homeless, due to America's military related management of disaster relief.

People all over the world are undeniably devoted to helping victims of the disaster, but unfortunately, we have to question whether or not it's simply from the goodness of the American spirit—or to make ourselves shine a little brighter on a global scale.

## Our View:

*America doesn't need to strong-arm Haiti—even if we're just trying to help.*

victims of the earthquake, or is it also making us look better to the global community?

Obviously, America isn't the only nation giving to the relief effort.

As previously mentioned, African countries that may not be as financially well off as the United States (a country currently going through its own economic issues) have also given signifi-

## Perspective: Conspiracy or not?

My day starts off normal, I'm reading *The Hilltop* and I come to the editorial section and see something about the conspiracy theory that Jay-Z, Barack Obama, and other influential leaders in this world are in a secret society called the Illuminati.

*The Hilltop* believes that we should be focusing on something more constructive.

First off the theory that leaders of this world have been in secret societies have been going on for decades and even centuries. You would think by now that such theory would've been proven wrong by simply denying it. You should consider that there are two types of conspiracy theorists.

You have one guy who goes around making wild accusations and then you have the guy who backs up what he says with nothing but facts. I am the latter. If what we (conspiracy theorists) say is wrong, then why do we have a symbol on our dollar bill that is synonymous with Egypt?

The eye of Horus is levitated above a pyramid. The creators of the great seal could've chosen a patriot, holy bible, or a picture of Independence Hall, but this is not the case. Another thing I want to bring up is for anyone who lives in Georgia. Head down to Elbert County, Ga.

and you will see a group of stones called the Georgia Guidestones written in different languages with certain "guides" written on it. The stones were put up by a company owned by Joe H. Fendley, who is a Freemason. The first and most startling guide is that we keep the human population at 500 million. All of this might seem like a conspiracy to you, but think about the effort put into this thing.

Now let me bring your attention to Barack Obama. In case you forgot, he is sending 30,000 troops to Afghanistan. Had John McCain won and done this every liberal in America would be protesting this decision. You all are not holding this man accountable and you need to ask yourself, who is he working for?

Obama even acknowledged that MLK would not vote for him, but hold him accountable. I know it's been his first year, but by now you should start formulating your opinion. He's made executive orders, made speeches, visited countries, and even passed a stimulus that only made the CEO's and banker's pocket fatter. Politicians lie and conspiracies happen, such as 9/11, Cointelpro, Watergate, JFK, etc. Now we move on to Jay-Z. All I have to say is this. If you don't believe he knows, nor has involvement in secret

societies, then look at his latest video. The video "On to the Next One" contains images that seems Gothic: black lipstick, blood dripping on skulls or from the mouth, two flashes of the Baphomet skull. Jay-Z has denied these accusations of devil-worshipping, and involvement in secret societies, but he didn't explain the images in the video. So I ask you, what do these images have to do with hip hop? If it doesn't, which it doesn't, then tell me what is he marketing? Let us not forget about the two bullets beside the crucifixion of Jesus.

If you still have doubts about this, I suggest you research about this so that you can at least pick out the truth from fiction.

Let me leave you with this quote by David Rockefeller: "Some believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as "internationalists" and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure—one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."

Yonas Tesfay,  
sophomore history  
major

# Daily Sudoku

Directions:

Each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain each and every digit 1–9 exactly once.

	2	4		7	3		9	
				5		4	6	
3				6		8		
		2		4	1			7
9			5		6			8
1			7	2		5		
		3		1				5
	6	1		9				
5	8	2				1	4	

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